

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number : TBD

Confirmation No. TBD

Applicant : DIRKS et al.

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Tech Cntr/AU : TBD

Examiner : TBD

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Customer Number : 00909

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATIONS

Commissioner for Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application in the manner set forth below:

- Amendments to the Specification;
- Amendments to the Claims with a complete claim listing; and
- Remarks and arguments.